

Border 2012

U.S. – Mexico Environmental Program

Priorities and Future Actions

Goal 4: Improve Environmental Health





Priorities

Priority #1

Continue to support environmental public health indicators work

Priority # 2

Continue focus areas of environmental health issues in air, water, and pesticides¹. Specifically with regards to:

- Environmental monitoring
- Health surveillance
- Capacity building
- Communication
- Education

¹ Tires were also identified as a priority. The EHWG co-chairs will follow up with the Waste Workgroup

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Priorities

Priority #3

Develop a focus towards public health risk communication that uses a “place-based” approach (i.e. healthy homes, healthy schools, healthy communities)

Priority #4

Continue to pursue partnership with the USMBHC

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Future Actions

Action # 1

Fund demonstration projects selected from the PAHO RFP. Hope to make announcements very soon

Action #2

Develop working groups to narrow down border-wide priorities in air, water and pesticide areas. These groups will then make recommendations for the EHVG to support in 2007 and beyond.

Action #3

Work with Border 2012 Communications Task Group to further develop and test Healthy Places concept

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Communication

Area of Opportunity # 1

Work more closely with the Communications Task Group and the other Border 2012 groups to present program successes with an environmental health/ healthy-places approach

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Environmental Education

Area of Opportunity # 1

Area for environmental education opportunity identified by the Border-Wide Workgroup or the Policy Forum

Area of Opportunity #2

Ongoing project is exploring whether environmental education leads to actual improvements in public health (promotoras training, household education with pre- and post biomonitoring of residents)

Area of Opportunity #3

Request that the three EHWG groups (Water, Air, and Pesticides) identify materials already available that would facilitate the development of plans or proposals

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Working Group Participation

Some attendees at March EHWG meeting volunteered to work on either the Air, Water, or Pesticides working groups

If attendees at yesterday's session would also like to participate please provide the following information to

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Working Group Choice

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